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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Situation in the Dominican Republic
(As of 0900 EDT)

1. Ambassador Bennett in his 0600 EDT sitrep this morning notes that the relative quiet in the Dominican Republic through last night was probably partly due to the cease-fire and partly due to the fact that US forces are in place and there is general respect for them. He feels that pure exhaustion after the emotional binge of the past week also is playing a role.

2. The ambassador points out that the cease-fire, at this stage, does leave extremists in control of the heart and large areas of the city. He thinks that leftist-led gangs are sure to continue making some trouble, but that the cease-fire is likely to be at least partly effective. Moreover, it can provide a starting point for a possible shift from a military to a political phase. Another step in this phase could emerge from today's OAS foreign ministers' meeting in Washington, which is expected to designate an investigating commission to go to Santo Domingo to look into the situation and come back with recommendations.

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